

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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PCT/IB2004/002464

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	<p>WARREN H S ET AL: "Functional analysis of CD158b monoclonal antibodies recognizing the killer Ig-like receptors KIR2DS2, KIR2DL2 and KIR2DL3" TISSUE ANTIGENS, vol. 55, no. Supplement 1, 2000, pages 80-81, XP009040899 & 7TH WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE ON HUMAN LEUCOCYTE DIFFERENTIATION ANTIGENS; HARROGATE, ENGLAND, UK; JUNE 20-24, 2000 ISSN: 0001-2815 abstract</p> <p style="text-align: center;">----- -/--</p>	1,2,10, 11,33

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X	SPAGGIARI GRAZIA MARIA ET AL: "Soluble HLA class I induces NK cell apoptosis upon the engagement of killer-activating HLA class I receptors through FasL-Fas interaction." BLOOD, vol. 100, no. 12, 1 December 2002 (2002-12-01), pages 4098-4107, XP002308878 ISSN: 0006-4971 abstract	1,3,4, 10,12, 13,30,33
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Y	----- SHIN J-S ET AL: "MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES WITH VARIOUS REACTIVITY TO P58 KILLER INHIBITORY RECEPTORS" HYBRIDOMA, LIEBERT, NEW YORK, NY, US, vol. 18, no. 6, December 1999 (1999-12), pages 521-527, XP001041418 ISSN: 0272-457X abstract	16-21, 23-27, 29-32, 51-55
Y	----- MORETTA-A ET AL.: "A novel surface antigen expressed by a subset of human CD3-minus CD16-positive natural killer cells: role in cell activation and regulation of of cytolytic function" JOURNAL OF EXPERIMENTAL MEDICINE, vol. 171, no. 3, 1990, pages 695-714, XP002309351 cited in the application abstract	16-21, 23-27, 29-32, 51-55
Y	----- KOH CRYSTAL Y ET AL: "NK inhibitory-receptor blockade for purging of leukemia: effects on hematopoietic reconstitution." BIOLOGY OF BLOOD AND MARROW TRANSPLANTATION : JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR BLOOD AND MARROW TRANSPLANTATION. 2002, vol. 8, no. 1, 2002, pages 17-25, XP002308879 ISSN: 1083-8791 the whole document	16-21, 23-27, 29-32, 51-55
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A	<p>FARAG SHERIF S ET AL: "Natural killer cell receptors: New biology and insights into the graft-versus-leukemia effect" BLOOD, vol. 100, no. 6, 15 September 2002 (2002-09-15), pages 1935-1947, XP002308880 ISSN: 0006-4971 the whole document</p>	1-55
A	<p>BARTEN R ET AL: "Divergent and convergent evolution of NK-cell receptors" TRENDS IN IMMUNOLOGY, ELSEVIER, CAMBRIDGE, GB, vol. 22, no. 1, 1 January 2001 (2001-01-01), pages 52-57, XP004255853 ISSN: 1471-4906</p>	1-55
A	<p>MORETTA ALESSANDRO ET AL: "Activating receptors and coreceptors involved in human natural killer cell-mediated cytotoxicity" ANNUAL REVIEW OF IMMUNOLOGY ANNUAL REVIEWS {A}, 4139 EL CAMINO WAY, PALO ALTO, CA, 94303-0139, USA SERIES : ANNUAL REVIEW OF IMMUNOLOGY (ISSN 0732-0582), 2001, pages 197-223, XP002308881 ISSN: 0-8243-3019-6</p>	1-55
A	<p>MORETTA ALESSANDRO ET AL: "Receptors for HLA class-I molecules in human natural killer cells" ANNUAL REVIEW OF IMMUNOLOGY ANNUAL REVIEWS INC. {A}, P.O. BOX 10139, 4139 EL CAMINO WAY, PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA 94306, USA SERIES : ANNUAL REVIEW OF IMMUNOLOGY (ISSN 0732-0582), 1996, pages 619-648, XP002308882 ISSN: 0-8243-3014-5</p>	1-55

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

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Continuation of Box II.1

Although claims 42-50 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

Although claims 52 would appear to be directed to a diagnostic method practised on the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.